



CALHOUN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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For Immediate Release (Revised) Quick! Quick! Quick! Hurry Now...Beat the Crowd!

Quick Quick Quick....Get your child Immunized NOW! As parents and guardians, our child's health and safety remains top priority. One of the simplest steps in protecting our children begins at birth – immunizations. Immunizations are available, and required before starting school, for our youngest citizens, from birth to six years of age. Vaccines are also available for adolescents and adults including Tdap (Tetanus-diphtheria-acellular pertussis vaccine), MCV4 (Meningococcal conjugate vaccine, otherwise known as spinal meningitis), and HPV (Human papillomavirus vaccine for girls and boys).

The Calhoun County Public Health Department (CCPHD) is offering immunization clinics with a special emphasis on children entering Kindergarten this fall. The Health Department offers the following immunization clinics for qualified children:

Health Department Site	Address	Telephone	Days	Times
Downtown Battle Creek	190 E. Michigan Avenue	269-969-6363	Every Tuesday	1:00 – 4:00 pm
			Every Thursday	8:00 – 11:00 am 1:00 – 4:00 pm
Extended Battle Creek Immunization Clinics Days and Hours				
	Tuesday, August 23			1:00 – 7:00 pm
	Thursday, September 1 & 8 <i>*We will register clients for immunizations until 5pm</i>			8:00 – 11:00 am 1:00 – 5:00 pm*
Albion	101 N. Albion Street	517-629-9434	Monday	8:00 – 11:00 am 1:00 – 4:00 pm

- All children entering kindergarten and all children changing school districts **MUST** have two doses of varicella (Var) or history of chickenpox disease.
- All children enrolled in 6th grade and for all children 7 through 18 years changing school districts must have:
 - One dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4) on or after the 11th birthday
 - One dose of tetanus/diphtheria/acellular pertussis (Tdap) on or after the 11th birthday if 5 years since last dose of tetanus/diphtheria vaccine (DTaP, Td, DT)
 - Two doses of varicella (Var) or history of chickenpox disease

Please Note: In order to accommodate the expected increase in demand for immunizations typical of the “back-to-school” season, beginning **Thursday, August 18, 2011** and **each Thursday through the end of the business day Thursday, September 15, 2011**, CCPHD will **NOT** offer STD or HIV testing. Normal STD and HIV testing hours will resume on Thursday, September 22, 2011 from 8am – 11am and 1pm – 3:30 pm.

For more information, please contact Vivian Holdcraft, Immunization Program Assistant, at (269) 969-6378.

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